



## NEWSLETTER No . 17 : 11th June, 2015

### Dear Parents,

Gospel Reflection 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time

This week's gospel is a wonderful example of the teaching style of Jesus. It even tells us that 'he would not speak to them except in parables'. Jesus used the parable form almost exclusively to share his message. He used imagery that was familiar to his audience; parables about the everyday life of a rural community: seeds, planting, growing, harvesting. The secret of Jesus' parables, when we understand the cultural context, is that there was always a 'twist in the tale' – what is called a 'discombobulating shift' – that turns the expected outcome of the story on its head.

This is nowhere more evident than in the image of the mustard seed. On the surface the parable is about the kingdom of God starting from very small, humble beginnings and growing into something great. However, immediately prior to this kingdom parable, Jesus has reminded us that the community makes a living out of growing grain crops like wheat for bread, etc. His parable about the mustard seed describes a tiny seed that grows into a great shrub 'so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade'.

Peace & Best Wishes  
Noel Dillon  
Principal

### Bishop visitation

The Bishop will be visiting our school and Parish on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June to speak to the children and celebrate the 9.00am mass in the Chapel, and Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June for mass. This mass will be held at 11.00am in the Church. The Bishop will also be in the Parish for the Saturday night mass and the Sunday morning masses.

### ASSEMBLY

Assembly next week will be on the Wednesday due to the gymnastics program on the Monday. The following week (last week of term), we will hold the assembly on the last day of school for the term. This will be Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.00pm.

### READING

This term, during the reading block, students from Foundation-Grade 4 will be working in small groups. Depending on the skill being developed, students will be moving around groups and will be working with different teachers.

Students will experience explicit instruction in decoding skills and strategies, fluency, vocabulary word meanings and word-learning strategies, and comprehension strategies with the aim of helping them to become more purposeful, active readers, thinkers and learners.

Should you have any questions in regards to the Reading Block, please do not hesitate to speak with any member of staff.

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The Sacrament of Reconciliation was celebrated this afternoon in the School Chapel. We congratulate the students and their families for their prayerful celebration of the sacrament.

### GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

Our infants gymnastics program will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June. This will be held in O'Dee. Times will be 9.45am – 10.45am Foundation, 11.30am – 12.30pm Grade 1, 12.30pm – 1.30pm Grade 2



### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

We will once again support the St. Vincent De Paul Winter appeal. This year we would welcome donations of perishable food items that could be donated to families in need. Please bring these items to school to add to our collection.

As a further support, our senior student leaders have organized a PJ and Teddy and movie day for the last day of term, Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June. On this day, students can wear their PJ's and bring a teddy to school. There will be a gold coin donation for the day.

We appreciate your continued support of the St. Vincent De Paul Winter appeal

**TERM 2 DATES FOR 2015**

**June**

Thursday 11th : Grade 3/4 Mass in the Chapel  
 Monday 15th : Gym : Grade F-2  
 Thursday 18th : Gym : Grade F-2  
 Monday 22nd : Gym : Grade F-2  
 Thursday 25th : Gym : Grade F-2  
 Friday 26th : End Term 2



**Term 2 ends for all students on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June at 2.15pm.**

**Reports will be sent out on this day.**

**School will resume for Term 3 at 8.45am on Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> July**

**STUDENT ABSENCES**

Please contact the school by 10.00am if your child is not attending school for the day. On returning to school, students must bring a signed, written note explaining their absence and give it to their classroom teacher. Notification can also be made via the school phone app.

**SCHOOL TIMES**

8.45am-10.45am - Class time  
 10.45am-11.30am - Recess  
 11.30am-1.30pm - Class time  
 1.30pm - 2.15pm - Lunch  
 2.15pm - 3.15pm - Class time

**AWARDS**

**Next week's assembly will be held on  
 Wednesday, 17th June**

**Respect for Self**

Oscar Ritchie Aleksia Virgona  
 Brady Lunn Jack Lee

**Respect for Others**

Tahlia Anderson

**Respect for Environment**

Jackson Pearce Chelsea Doherty

**Making Jesus Real (for excellent manners)**

Jack Nanscawen Archer Obst  
 Leah Robinson Alfie Taylor  
 Scarlett Seymour Rebecca Niclasen



**SCHOOL UNIFORM**

**Shop is open after assembly each Monday**

*Could those with outstanding bills please settle them before the end of term. Thank you.*

**FLYING START PROGRAM**

As of Term 2, we be offering our Flying Start Program for students moving into Foundation in 2016 to help support their transition process.

Next session : Monday, 15th June : 8.45am - 10.45am

**BREAKFAST CLUB TERM 2**

The Breakfast Club will run from 8.00am - 8.30am each Thursday and will be held in the O'Dee.

Cereal  
 Scrambled eggs  
 Home made hash browns  
 Hot Milo



Adults are welcome to join us to test out the new coffee machine and help clean up

**Annual Report to the school community for 2014**

The Annual report to the school community is available on our website. A copy may also be found at the school office. Please take the time to read over the report, as it lists our school year for 2014 with successes and future planning.

### CHILDREN'S CHATTER MATTERS

**After the Movies.** After watching a movie children choose a scene to reenact. Alternatively they will enjoy drawing their favourite scene and talking about it to someone who has not seen the movie.



**MJR is 24/7**  
Taking the consequences  
for your actions

### FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

#### Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

#### How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from

[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Closing Date : You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015. These forms are available from the office. For more information about the CSEF visit

[www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)



You are invited to come along and join the  
Parent-Child Playgroup

Venue : O'Dee Centre at Holy Rosary School

When : Thursdays 10.00am - 11.00am

For parents and their children 0-5 years

For more information, please phone Jess on 0409 967 997 or Email:

[jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au](mailto:jdawson@hrheathcote.catholic.edu.au)

### ANIMALS AT SCHOOL

At our recent School Board meeting a motion was passed to avoid injury to children in the school from animals,

**NO ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE SCHOOL GROUND OR BUILDINGS UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL IS SOUGHT FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

### SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

Our June School Board meeting was held last Tuesday. Items discussed included:

- The Annual Report to the school community was presented to the Board.
- The school is reviewing areas of Learning and Teaching and Religious Education this year.
- The Board received an up-dated report on the review process and goals for school improvement.
- Parents and Friends activities planned for the year.
- Reports were presented from the Principal, School Board Chair and the Parents and Friends representative.



ON SALE AT THE OFFICE  
Tomato Relish - \$2.00 per jar

## GRIEF AND LOSS PROGRAM

Dear Parents/caregiver

This term I plan to run Seasons for Growth, a grief and loss program within our school.

Seasons for Growth is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. We examine the impact of changes such as death, separation and divorce upon our lives, and explore how we can learn to live with and grow from these expectations.

The core intentions of this program are the development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. The program is educational in nature and does not provide therapy.

We use the imagery of the four seasons to illustrate that grief is cyclical, not a linear journey with a clear end. Peer support is a key element of the program, and confidentiality is strongly emphasised.

The program runs for approximately one hour (withdrawal from class) for eight weeks. If you may be interested in your child/children participating in this program, please return the attached 'expression of interest' form to the office.

Please note that this program will only run subject to numbers.

I give permission for my son/daughter (name)..... to participate in the Seasons for Growth Program at Holy Rosary School Heathcote.

Parent Name and Signature.....

Date: .....

## HEAD LICE

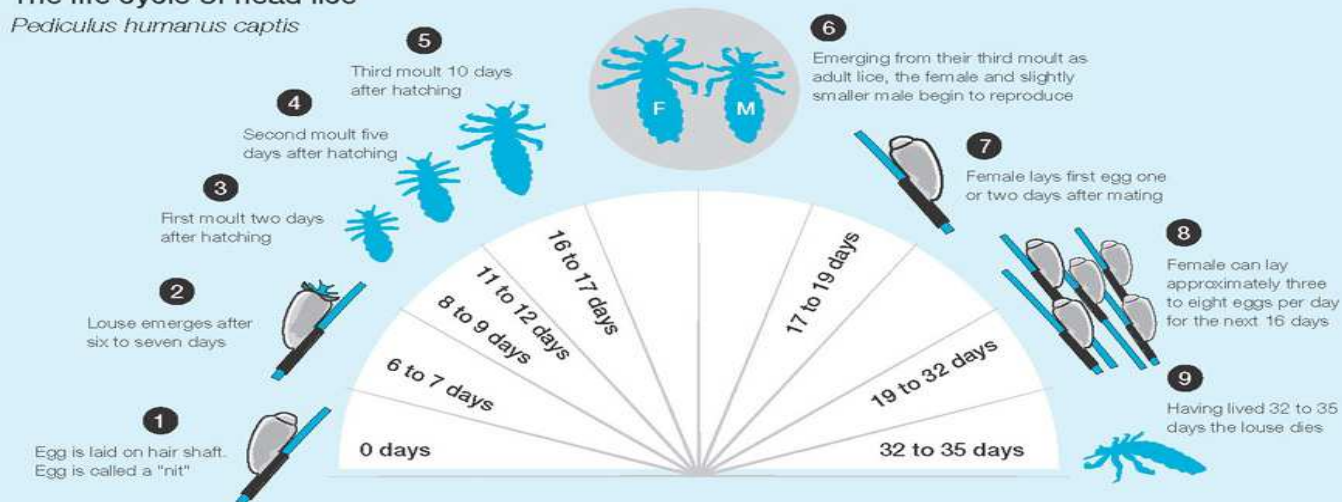
Does your child/children have any of the following systems/signs

- Extremely itchy scalp
- Small red bumps on the scalp or neck
- Tiny white nits on the hair close to the scalp that are difficult to remove
- Crawling sensation on the head

If they have any of these signs, please treat immediately.

### The life cycle of head lice

*Pediculus humanus capitis*



**SMOKING REGULATIONS**

New smoking bans to apply on school grounds and at school entrances  
From **13 April 2015**, smoking will be banned within the school grounds of, and within four metres of an entrance to, all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, as well as all Victorian childcare centres, kindergartens and pre-schools, under an amendment to the *Tobacco Act 1987* (Vic.).  
The new bans are enshrined in legislation and will apply to all schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.

**CANTEEN THURSDAY, 18th June, 2015**

NAME:

CLASSROOM: .....I wish to order .....serve/s

Spinach & Ricotta Roll

Ravioli Bolognese

Cost: Gold coin

Students will also receive water & treat with their order

**Please return order & money in an envelope  
to your classroom by Wednesday, 17th June**

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